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Christopher J. Stakutis et al. : Group Art Unit: 2171  
Serial No.: 10/691,134 : Examiner: Not Assigned  
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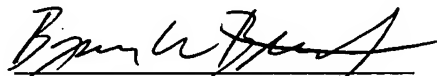
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